

# AN IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE HAVING A PROTECTED CONNECTION HEADER

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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An implantable medical device having a sealed housing forming a chamber containing rhythm management circuitry. The housing has an exterior defining a recess in which a header is received. The header has a number of lead bores, and includes an electrical contact within each bore, with each contact connected to the circuitry in the housing. The housing recess encompassing a major portion of the header, which may be positioned away from the corners of the housing, and which may be formed to avoid protruding from the housing. The recess may enclose at least three orthogonal sides of the header, and may include opposed parallel side capturing the header.